Smuggling and spurious manufacture of Scotch in India

2078. SHRI VIREN P. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report published in the Pioneer, New Delhi of 29th January 1994 under the caption, 63 per cent scotch sold in India is fake;

(b) if so, what are the facts in this regard;

(c) whether it is a fact that about 5,00,000 to 15,00,000 cases of Scotch, spurious, illegal and smuggled were consumed in India during the year 1991-92; as mentioned in the above report;

(d) if so, what are the facts in this regard;

(e) what steps were taken by Government to check the smuggling and spurious manufacture of Scotch in the country;

(f) what is the total revenue loss suffered by Government on this account; and

(g) whether it is a fact that a large number of spurious Indian whisky is also sold and consumed in the country; if so, what are the details in this regard and what is the revenue loss suffered by Government on this account?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) to (g) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Setting up of a Audit and Vigilance Commission for Banks

2079. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount of outstanding debts of the nationalised banks, as on 31st December, 1993;

(b) how much of this amount is due from the corporate sector:

(c) whether the bank employees union have urged Government to set up an independent audit and vigilance commission to look into the banking irregularities:

(d) whether the nationalised banks propose to have new law to recover the debts through revenue recovery proceedings; and

(e) if so, what are the steps taken to help the banks to recover the debts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) and (b) The total amount of outstanding advances and overdues for all sectors in respect of Nationalised Bank as at the end of March, 1993 (Latest available) and also the share of large and medium industries in the same is given below:——

(Rs. in crores)

Sectors	Amount outstandng	Amount overdues
Total of all sectors	73134	15193
Large & Medium Industries	22929	4233